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SUBJECT:AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (AI) PRESS CONFERENCE IN SAN JOSE

REF: (A) MANAGUA 2346 (NOTAL), (B) GUATEMALA 3757

1. MAY 17 AI PRESS CONFERENCE HAS RECEIVED LITTLE PUBLICITY
IN SAN JOSE PRESS. PRO-GOVERNMENT EXCELSIOR PUBLISHED ARTICLE
MAY 18; INDEPENDENT LA NACION CARRIED STORY MAY 22. BOTH ARTICLES
APPEARED ON INSIDE PAGES.

2. CONCERNING NICARAGUA: EXCELSIOR ARTICLE INCLUDED ONLY TWO
PARAGRAPHS:

BEGIN TEXT: MADLENER Y MCCLINTOCK SENALARON QUE EN
NICARAGUA, DONE SE PIDIO ENTREVISTAS CON VARIOS PRESOS
POLITICOS "Y NI SIQUIERA SE NOS RESPONDIO A LA
PETICION", SE PRESENTA UNA SITUACION DE STADO DE SITIO "QUE
NO CONVENCE, PUES ESTE ESTADO SOLO SE DECRETA POR PERTUBACIONES
GRAVES DEL SECTOR PUBLICO Y NO POR MERAS PRECAUCIONES".

"ADEMAS DIJERON LOS MPKOLOS J LA MISION DE INVESTIGATION
JURIDICA Y DE DEREIXOS HUMANOS QUE VISITO EL ISTMO CENTRO-
AMERICANO, LAS CORTES MILITARES NICARAGUENSES NO OFRECEN
SUFICIENTES GARANTIAS A LOS ACUSADOS POLITICOS, Y LO QUE SI
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PUDIMOS OBSERVAR CLARAMENTE ES UNA CONDENABLE CE HJGF A LA
PRENSA POR PARTE DEL GOBIERNO DE NICARAGUA".

END TEXT.

3. LA NACION ARTICLE REPORTED AI REPRESENTATIVES' CHARGES OF LACK OF COOPERATION FROM THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT. FOUR GROUPS OF PROBLEMS WERE MENTIONED:

BEGIN TEXT:

1. NO FUNCIONA EL RECURSO DE HABEAS CORPUS.
2. DENUNCIAS DE TORTURAS Y DETENCIONES ARBITRARIAS.
3. VEJACION A CAMPESINOS EN LAS ZONAS DONDE OPERA EL FRENTE SANDINISTA.
4. ES ESTADO DE SITIO.

END TEXT.

IN ADDITION, THE ARTICLE QUOTED REMARKS BY AI REPS ON THE SPECIFIC CASES XMZLNA BIENVENIDA (COSTA RICAN) AND RENE

MUNOZ, BOTH IN NICARAGUAN JAILS.

4. CONCERNING GUATEMALA: AI DELEGATION REPORTED TO HAVE SAID IN BOTH ARTICLES THAT FROM A HUMAN RIGHTS POINT OF VIEW THE SITUATION WAS MOST DELICATE IN GUATEMALA, WHERE THERE EXISTS A TRUE ATMOSPHERE OF TERROR AND INSECURITY. THE EXCELSIOR ARTICLE ALSO STATED:

BEING TEXT: "EL BOGIERNO GUATEMALTECO, ASEGURÓ EL DR. MADLENER, NO ESTÁ EN LA ACTUALIDAD EN CONDICIONES DE CONTROLAR ESOS ESTADOS, Y A PESAR DE QUE EL PRESIDENTE KJELL LAUGERUD PARECE SER UN HOMBRE DE ACCIÓN, POR AHORA NO SE VISLUMBRA SOLUCIÓN A LOS PROBLEMAS DE VIOLACIÓN A LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS QUE SE PRESENTAN EN GUATEMALA".

"EL PRINCIPAL OBJETIVO QUE NOS HA MOTIVADO A REALIZAR ESTA INVESTIGACIÓN, APUNTO EL PENALISTA ALEMÁN, ES LA BUSQUEDA DE EXPLICACIONES CONVINCENTES A LOS FRECUENTES ASESIINATOS,

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DESPARICIONES, TORTURAS Y VEJACIONES A LOS CAMPESINOS, QUE SE PRESENTAN EN ALGUNOS DE LOS PAÍSES DE CENTRO AMÉRICA". END TEXT.

5. ONLY LA NACION QUOTED SPECIFIC REMARKS MADE BY THE DELEGATION RE THE SITUATION IN EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS. STATEMENTS WERE FACTUAL AND DID NOT INCLUDE ANY CHARGES.

6. WILL INFORM ADDRESSEES SHOULD OTHER STATEMENTS MADE BY REPS APPEAR IN LOCAL PRESS. COPY OF EXCELSIOR ARTICLE POCHED

TO MANAGUA AND GUATEMALA 5/21. COPY OF LA NACION ARTICLE POUCHED
5/24, AND WILL ALSO BE SENT TO SAN SALVADOR AND
TEGUCIGALPA. EMBASSY ATTEMPTING TO SECURE COMPLETE TRANSCRIPTS
OF CONFERENCE REMARKS AND WILL POUCH COPIES TO ADDRESSES IF
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